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ROCK TALK

The Official Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Rockhounds

Emeralds

Emerald is the green variety of beryl, colored by trace amounts of chromium and sometimes also vanadium. With a hardness of 7.5 to 8 on the Mohs scale of hardness, this green gemstone is relatively durable but often contains internal fractures or inclusions known as “jardin” (French for garden). These inclusions are considered part of the gem’s natural character.
Its striking green hue has made it one of the most prized gemstones throughout human history.

Emeralds develop in hydrothermal veins or pegmatites where beryllium-rich fluids interact with chromium-bearing host rocks, usually schist, limestone or granite. The necessary mix of elements is rare, making emeralds one of the least common gemstones. Their formation requires both specific chemistry and slow cooling over millions of years. High-quality emeralds must contain Cr^{3+} — some gemological definitions require its presence.
Beryls colored only by vanadium may be called green beryl, though many labs now accept vanadium-colored beryls as emeralds if the color matches. Advanced spectroscopic methods can distinguish between Cr and V sources and identify provenance.

Colombia is the most famous source of high-quality emeralds, particularly from the Muzo, Chivor and Coscuez mines. Other notable deposits occur in Zambia, Brazil, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Russia, while the occurrences in North Carolina are especially sought after in America. Colombian emeralds are loved for their pure green hue, while Zambian stones tend to have a bluish-green tone and fewer inclusions.

This Month's Roundup of Stories

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April’s Birthstone - Emerald

Several gems are legendary for their size, color or historical importance.
The Mogul, a 217.80-carat stone from the 17th century, is intricately inscribed with Islamic prayers and floral motifs.
The Chalk, a 37.8-carat Colombian gem, is known for its velvety green color and is set in a stunning diamond ring housed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.
The Duke of Devonshire weighs 1,383 carats and is one of the largest uncut emeralds in the world.
The Patricia, also uncut at 632 carats, is named after the daughter of a New York gem dealer and remains a highlight of the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Read the entire article at *RockNGem.com*

Secretary's Report

Minutes and More from Club Secretary - Melodye Steverson

Withlacoochee Rockhounds Monthly Meeting - Minutes
Date 4-8-2026

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Steverson at 7:15pm.
The meeting was called to order. We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.
We had recognized two new members: Isaac Mercado, and Amanda Ellis.
We had numerous guests in attendance: Jill Marquardo, Janie Wood, Janet Burtone, and past member Michele Evans.
President Steverson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of our last meeting, as printed in the newsletter. Chris Wood motioned, and it was seconded by Heidi Hale.
Treasurer Janet Wheeler gave the Treasurer's report. President Steverson asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion by Roberta Oldread, seconded by Chris Ward.
President Steverson began with announcements:

- **He reminded all those in attendance about the evening's silent auction.**
- **Also, that the 8th of April is World Diamond Day.**
- **President Steverson let everyone know that Hunter Mellring and Diane Hensley would be doing regular posts on our Facebook page during their trip to the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.**
- **He also mentioned that the club had been contacted by a lady whose brother had recently passed and had a rock collection she wished to donate to the club.**
- **President Steverson gave an update on the continuing quest to secure a more comprehensive insurance for the club, so that club members would be covered on field trips. This is getting closer to a reality – fingers crossed.**
- **Chris Ward gave us an update on the invitation the club had for doing a presentation at the Hernando County Science Fair.**
- **Heidi Hale advised that her wire Wrapping class would take place on Saturday, April 25th.**

President Steverson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Chris Ward, seconded by Roberta Oldread.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Melodye Steverson.

Withlacoochee Rockhounds Monthly Meeting - Minutes Date 3-26-2026

Attending Board members: Michael Steverson, Melodye Steverson, Janet Wheeler, Roger Wheeler, Hunter Mellring, Ralph Barber, Leslie Newberry and Janice Wojcik.
Board meeting started at 7:14pm and was held via the Internet on Zoom.

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May 2026 Announcements

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!! If you wish to apply for the club's "William Holland School for the Lapidary Arts" Scholarship Award for 2026, please pick up an application from the front table at the next meeting. Fill it out and give it to Secretary Steverson by/at the May meeting. The main requirements for consideration are that you have been a club member for 2 years, that you have been an active member during that time, and that you agree to give a presentation on what you learned or agree to teach a class or classes on what you learned at WHS. Applications will be considered by the Board and results will be announced in June.

A REMINDER

IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SICK AND MAY STILL BE CONTAGIOUS, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND OUR MEETING. THERE WERE SICK PEOPLE AT OUR JANUARY MEETING/PARTY, WHICH CAUSED OTHER MEMBERS TO BECOME ILL. THIS CAUSED SUFFERING, MEDICAL BILLS AND LOSS OF INCOME. BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS.

Membership dues are due

So far, the number of members who have renewed their memberships is going well.

Please pay your dues promptly so you can continue to attend the meetings you enjoy.
If you do not pay by/at the May meeting, you will no longer be on our member list. You don't want to miss any of the fun, and we don't want to miss you! Pay right away!

To all members:
Your president and your Board of Directors are working diligently to plan and facilitate classes and training sessions for you to learn the skills you have shown an interest in.
We are looking toward the future of our club and are excited by what we see.
At the next two meetings, we will ask each member to fill out a very short questionnaire regarding what you would like to learn as a club member. This will help your Officers and Board know what you would enjoy.

White Buffalo Stone

White buffalo stone is a relatively new discovery, found in the turquoise mines in Nevada. It was given its name from the Native Americans' symbolization of pure and rare. At first, it was thought to be white turquoise. After being analyzed, it turned out to be a dolomite mineral made up of magnesite and alumite. The Otteson family, who originally found it, made it extremely popular amongst the turquoise crowd. The high contrast of black & white is eye-catching and elegant.

Since the original find of white buffalo stone, a few other varieties have been discovered. One was in an outcropping at the base of Rodney Frisby's Vista Grande Variscite mine. This is in the Candelaria Mountain region, northwest of Tonopah. This find was named "midnight buffalo." It is the same material, but a mirror image of the original. It's mainly black with a white spiderweb design. At times, it has some golden webs because of the addition of iron in it.
Because of its scarcity, finding it might be a bit pricey. It is well worth the cost to be able to experience cabbing this beautiful material. When finding it to buy, sometimes slabs might be a better choice. When inspecting the rough, it can be hard to see how far the patterns will run through the entire stone and how stable each piece will be.

Rough pieces seem to crumble around the edges where they have been exposed to nature, but usually, the center portion is very stable and will cut solid cabochons. One thing to look out for, though, is pitting and microfractures in the white areas. The best is almost opalized and obtains the best polish for the finished stone.

To start the slabbing process, there's no right or wrong direction. Clamp it in the saw in a portion that holds it securely and make a few test cuts. If the patterns of white aren't to your satisfaction, rotate the stone in the saw and try from the opposite direction. Generally, I like to cut it down into smaller pieces and hand-cut it with a 10-inch trim saw. This gives me the ability to turn the stone in various directions more easily than clamping it in a vice several times to find the best patterns possible.

Once your slabs are cut, this is where to bench test each piece and flex or tap the slabs against the workbench gently to see if any will break off. This might be the time to also consider stabilizing your material. Most turquoise is stabilized before cutting into cabochons due to its softness, but this is a material that you might want to secure the fractures as well as a few natural pits.

Read the article at RockNGem.com

Our May program will be a presentation from Hunter Mellring and Diane Hensley.
They will be sharing the experiences of their trip to the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Georgia.
We'll learn about their trip, the classes they took, what they learned and more.

Hunter and Diane were recipients of the club's William Holland Scholarship.

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Blue Cap Tourmaline

Blue cap tourmaline refers to elbaite tourmaline crystals that display a vivid blue termination atop a contrasting body that is most often pink, red or colorless. Blue caps from California are considered among the true crown jewels of American mineral collecting.

Blue cap crystals grow in lithium-rich pegmatites. The blue cap forms when the fluid chemistry changes during late-stage crystal growth. The body color can be pink, red, watermelon, green, or colorless and is caused by trace inclusions in the crystal. For instance, a pink body color is due to manganese (Mn^{3+}), created when natural radiation slowly oxidizes Mn^{2+} ions over geologic time. The very tip is sky blue to deep electric blue. This is caused when the chemistry shifts, and iron becomes more important.
The balance between different forms of iron changes how the crystal absorbs light, blocking out other colors and letting rich blues shine through.

Blue caps are associated with other minerals such as quartz, lepidolite, albite, cleavelandite and other tourmalines. They are famously found in California, along with Brazil and less commonly in Afghanistan and Namibia.

In the hills of San Diego County, tourmaline once caused a mineral rush that captured imaginations. Local Native Americans valued the stones long before miners arrived, but by the late 1800s, San Diego was swept up in a “tourmaline rush.”

Tiffany & Co. bought gems by the wagonload, and Chinese agents shipped vivid pinks and greens to Beijing for Empress Cixi, who adored them and had fine crystals carved into snuff bottles, jewelry and luxury wares. Even today, you can still see reminders of that era in San Diego’s street names: Garnet, Beryl and Feldspar.

A few blue caps surfaced more than a century ago, between around 1898 and 1902, and only a few important specimens have been preserved. The most famous strike came when jeweler Edward Swoboda and miner Bill Larson uncovered legendary pockets at the historic Tourmaline Queen Mine.
In 1972, Larson worked late into the evening at the mine. With only a flashlight for light, he carefully chipped away at clay and rock until a remarkable formation emerged: a branching mass of pink-and-blue elbaite anchored by quartz. Lifting it free, he realized he had uncovered what would become known as the “Candelabra.”
Today, this masterpiece resides in the Smithsonian and is one of the finest mineral specimens ever recovered.

Read the entire article at
RockNGem.com

Neptunite: Black Outside, Red Within

Neptunite, along with natrolite and benitoite, is one of California's most striking minerals.

The story of benitoite may be familiar to many collectors. This rare blue barium titanium silicate, California's official state gemstone since 1985, is found in only a single region at the headwaters of the San Benito River. Even there, it's not easy to find. First discovered in 1907 by prospector James Marshall Couch and formally described in 1909 by Berkeley professor George Davis Louderback, benitoite has been mined on and off for more than a century. What caught Couch's eye that morning wasn't just the sparkling blue crystals—it was the white bed of natrolite that surrounded them, a striking backdrop that highlights benitoite's brilliance.

Neptunite, named for the Roman god of the sea, was first found in association with a similar mineral called aegerine, named for the Norse god of the sea.

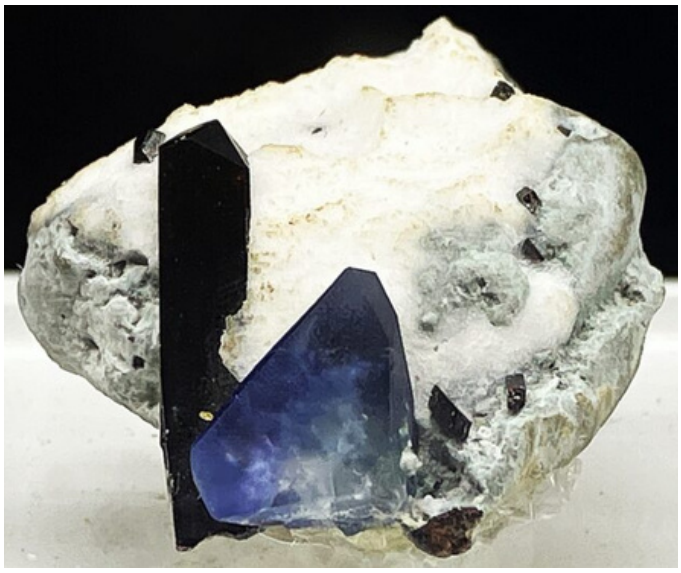
Benitoite has a unique form. In the 1800s, mineralogists made a table of all possible crystal shapes, but one spot was vacant, a spot for a ditrigonal-dipyramidal form, which looks like two low, three-faced pyramids stuck together at the base, with all the tips flattened. Nothing to match it had been found—until benitoite. Exceptional rarity makes crystals primarily high-priced collectibles, but they are also faceted for jewelry. Even though it's at the soft end of the hardness scale for gemstones (Mohs scale of hardness 6-6.5), it cuts into stunning stones more refractive, or sparkly, than diamonds. And far more rare.

Benitoite is sometimes called the "California blue diamond." In fact, stumbling across benitoite, Couch thought he had discovered blue diamonds or sapphires while grub-staked by Coalinga businessman Roderick W. Dallas to seek mercury ore. It's said that in the morning light, his eye was attracted by a white patch in the rocks. On close inspection, he found the white to be peppered with blue crystals, with still more blue crystals littering the surrounding ground.

That white patch enveloping the benitoite proved to be natrolite. Sometimes called "needle zeolite," natrolite, or hydrated sodium aluminum silicate, forms acicular crystals clustered in radiating sprays. Larger crystals take the form of long, squared prisms capped by low pyramids. But at the benitoite locality, natrolite grew as a compact fibrous mass filling voids and cracks in blueschist and enveloping associated minerals like benitoite. It's often dissolved away in hydrochloric or muriatic acid, which gelatinizes the natrolite, to expose the gemstone crystals.

Often nestled together with benitoite in that white natrolite bed is opaque but shiny, jet-black neptunite. Its well-formed prismatic rod-like crystals are square in cross-section with pointed terminations. In form and luster, neptunite crystals from the California locality are the best in the world, and the combination of benitoite and neptunite on natrolite makes for very showy display specimens that command attention among collectors.

Read the article at *RockNGem.com*



Hernando County Science Fair

Friday, April 10, 2026 saw Withlacoochee Rockhounds club members Chris Ward and Issac Mercado provide an Earth Sciences presentation at Hernando Elementary School district's annual Science Fair Day at Chocachatti Elementary School in Spring Hill.
We had a six foot table set-up with a variety of different minerals from around the world and it was the children's job to identify them with an assist from Issac Mercado.
We had a second six foot table set-up with six different life-size teeth from 6 different animals, both extinct and still living.
Again, it was the children's job to match the animal to the tooth that came from its mouth with an assist from Chris Ward.
We saw about one hundred students and their teachers between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. They came in rotations of about 12 to 15 at a time, and all students got to take home a polished stone just for participating. Everybody had a great time and the school fed us lunch afterwards. Pub subs from Publix!

Heidi Hale's Wire Wrapping Class

Heidi Hale held another of her wire wrapping classes, on Saturday, April 25th. Everyone attending had a great time. See Heidi's comments below, plus pics from the class. Great work, everyone!

So happy that we were able to get together for another wire wrapping class on Saturday, April 25th, 2026 with six first time and two returning students to learn essential tips and tricks of wire jewelry making. We had lots of fun, teaching the wire where WE wanted it to go and techniques for making our jewelry attractive and sturdy. Thank you also to the students for their patience and helping the new folks along the way. – Heidi

Ammolite, the Fossil Gemstone

Ammolite is a rare and radiant gemstone born from ancient life—specifically from fossilized ammonites that lived more than 71 million years ago in a vast inland sea that once covered what is now southern Alberta, Canada. Over time, the spiral shells of these ammonites were buried and preserved in layers of sediment, where their original aragonite structure survived an extraordinary transformation. Instead of fading into stone, they evolved into something luminous: ammolite, a gemstone that captures and refracts light in shifting flashes of green, red, blue, and violet.

While most fossils are shades of stone— greys, blacks and browns—Ammolite stands apart. It owes its spectral glow to aragonite, a crystal form of calcium carbonate. In rare cases, the aragonite layers in an ammonite shell remain intact during fossilization. These wafer-thin layers bend light through interference, much like opal or butterfly wings.

Read the entire article at ***RockNGem.com***

Today, 3 to 5% of ammonite fossils discovered contain gem-grade Ammolite. Each of those is expertly polished and stabilized to ensure it makes the journey from quarry to collector as a durable, radiant gemstone. There are only three operating mines in the world dedicated to Ammolite, with KORITE being the largest, holding approximately 95% of the known reserves.

Ammolite is also one of the few organic gemstones officially recognized by CIBJO, the World Jewellery Confederation, since 1981, placing it in rare company alongside amber and pearl. Yet its vivid, iridescent color play far surpasses both, making it truly exceptional.

Because of its rarity and its limited, finite deposits found only in this corner of the world, Ammolite is considered one of the rarest gemstones on Earth. Its unique composition and singular origin set it apart from other iridescent minerals, with minimal top-grade material extracted each year.

Each piece is unique, not just in color but in pattern. Some swirl like oil on water. Others display the mosaic-like “dragon skin,” while others resemble wisps of feathers or intricate floral patterns. These natural designs are shaped by millions of years of pressure and mineralization.

This means no two Ammolite gemstones are ever alike. Each one tells a story, a ghostly narrative painted in iridescent hues and intricate textures.

Field Trips

Your Officers and Board of Directors are working toward getting things in order, insurance-wise, to hopefully have club-sanctioned field trips later this year.
We are still hammering out some particulars for it.
Stay tuned!

Monthly Meeting Courtesy

Our monthly meetings are a time for members to get together to share their love of rocks, minerals and fossils. It is a chance to learn from each other, teach each other and bond with people that have common interests. It's also a time for the club to conduct a business meeting, during which club Officers and Directors inform club members of changes that have happened or are proposed to happen in the future to club procedure or rules.

It is a time for announcements of coming classes, programs, scholarships, and special events. It may be a time for discussion on a topic if it is of concern to a majority of members present. Members may also share experiences and news of interest to other members. Our monthly meetings should always be a time of sharing, education and entertainment.

We should all show respect and consideration for each other at our meetings, especially for the Facilitator of the meeting, whether it be our President or one of our other Officers. This respect has been lacking in our meetings for several months now. A few attendees have been speaking out without being recognized, shouting, and making inappropriate comments. This not only disrupts our meetings but makes members, new and old, feel uneasy and uncomfortable. It makes our club seem very unprofessional and is disrespectful to the Officers, Directors, and your fellow members.

Going forward, our Board has decided to strive for a more business-like atmosphere while our business meetings are in order. If you are an attending member and have a question or comment, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Facilitator of the meeting. After you are acknowledged and speak, if you later have something else to add, please raise your hand and again be recognized to speak. Please be respectful and polite when you are addressing the Officers and Directors, who volunteer their time, work tirelessly, and make every effort to keep this club alive and prosperous.

We feel this will make for a smoother meeting with all members being heard. No members will be shouted over and no members will feel over run with chaotic outbursts. We will all feel a part of the meeting and will learn more about what our club is doing for and with us.

Withlacoochee Rockhounds

Our monthly club meeting is held at the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club, 3357 Susan Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34606, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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Withlacoochee Rockhounds

Purpose

We are a non-profit organization whose purpose is to foster interest and promote knowledge of minerals, gems, fossils, lapidary arts, and earrth sciences, through regular meetings, informative programs, and workshops. PLUS, our annual gem, mineral and jewelry show.

Membership is open to anyone sharing such interests.

Dues

Dues are $35.00 annually for adults, and $5.00 for children under 18 years of age.

Club Meeting Location and Time

Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Center, 3375 Susan Dr in Spring Hill. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM

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Bench Tips from Brad Smith

Brad Smith's *Bench Tips* are a monthly feature of Rock Talk

DRILL PRESS VISES

CA drill press vise is a versatile tool to hold a workpiece securely and in precise alignment. It reduces the risks of working with high power motors, using larger drill bits, and dealing with heat generated in the operation. The vise can be clamped to the drill press table if needed and is quite handy for use at the bench to hold things for sawing or riveting.

You can find them at stores that carry machine tool supplies. My feeling is that the best ones are made from steel. In particular, I like the ones with V grooves cut into the jaw plates. That lets me hold a punch straight upright or hold a rod horizontal. To find a supplier, search on "drill press vise" at sites like micromark.com mscdirect.com/enco smallparts.com grizzly.com

DENTAL GOLD

You might think that a couple pieces of dental gold would be valuable, but if you only have a small amount, it can be a problem. Sending it to a refiner is expensive for small amounts of metal.

I made the mistake of thinking I could melt it and roll it out as sheet. It turns out the trace metals in dental gold make it a good material in your mouth but cause it to crack if you try to forge it or roll it out as a sheet.

So what to do with a couple gold crowns? A reasonable alternative is to try incorporating the metal into your jewelry. If you have enough material to do a casting, that's probably the best use for dental gold.

If you're not into casting, try melting it on a solder pad and while molten, divide it into small pieces with your solder pick. Then re-flow each piece to make little gold balls for use as accents on your designs. The balls can also be planished a bit to make small discs or struck with a design stamp to add texture on the top.

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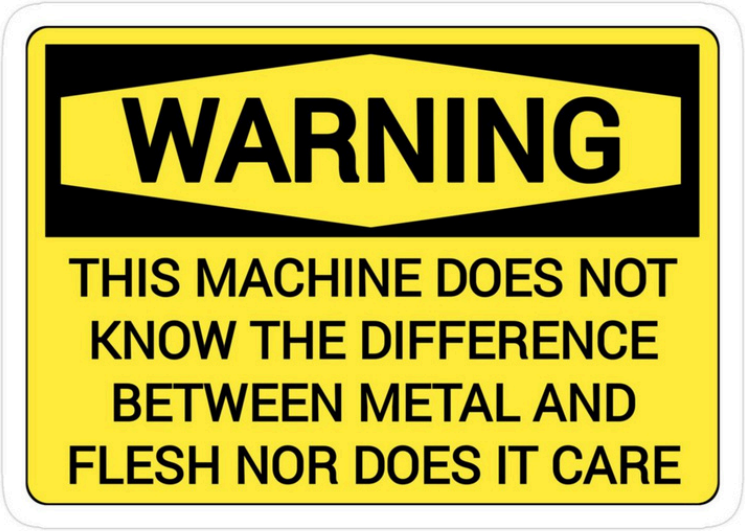
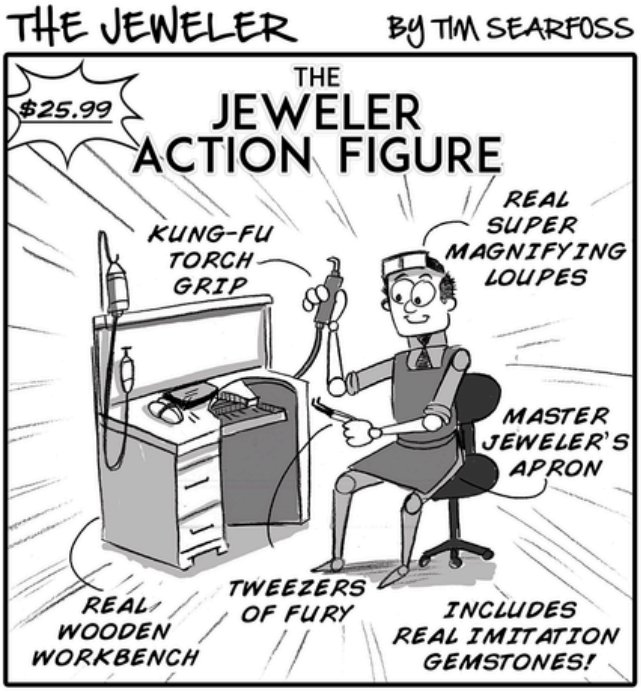
We began the meeting by discussing the invitation the club had been given to exhibit at the Hernando County Science Fair.

- **We moved on to discussing the search for insurance for club field trips. We're waiting on quotes about the cost and moving forward from there. Stay tuned!**
- **President Steverson brought up the idea of having "business cards" for the club. This would be a sort of generic business cards that the Board could hand out if we were asked. Janice Wojcik agreed to do the layout for them. After the design is approved, we'll have them printed. Leslie made a motion, Janice seconded. All approved.**
- **We discussed the need to increase the admission price for our annual Gem and Mineral Show. We will be increasing the admission price to $8, and lowering the kids' admission to age 10 and under.**

The meeting was adjourned 8 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Secretary Melodye Steverson

Rock Talk Funny Papers





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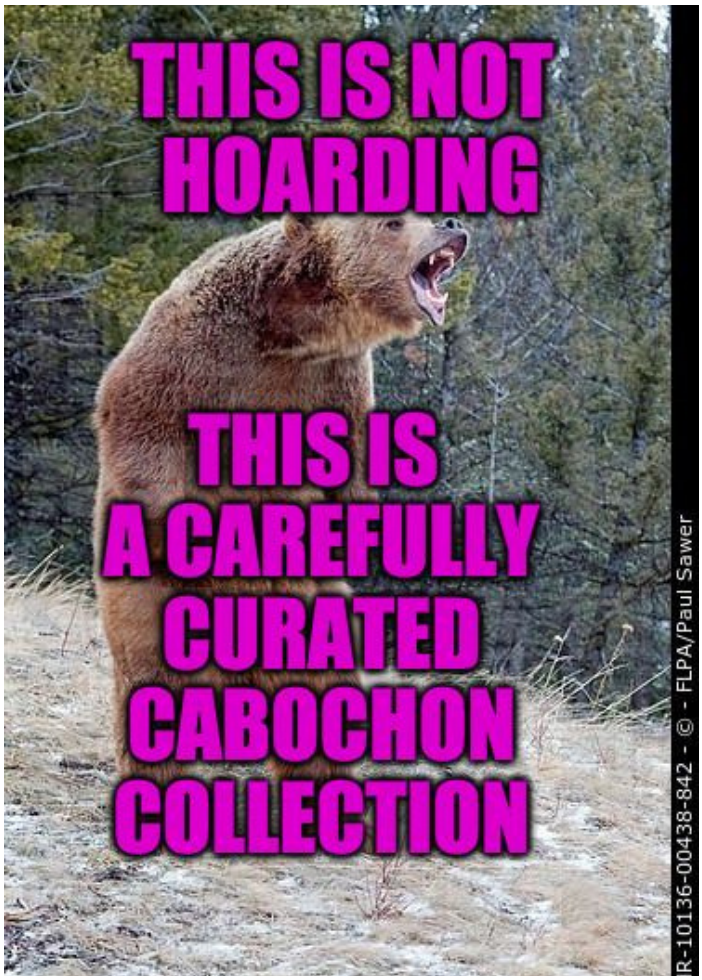

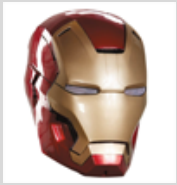

From The Editor

Hello to all Withlacoochee Rockhounds

It is I, your friendly neighborhood editor again.

**For our April meeting, we had the return of a club favorite – The Silent Auction.
A great time was had by all. The bidding was spirited, and we had a number of members who were quite spirited in their bidding.**

For our May meeting, Hunter Mellring and Diane Hensley will be giving us a presentation about their trip to William Holland - the classes they took, and their time there. If you have ever considered taking classes at William Holland, this is your chance to find out more.

And, as a preview – Leslie Newberry is tentatively set to give us a presentation on geodes for our June meeting.

If you would like to place a business card ad in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me, and we'll get you added to the next available issue.

Additionally, if any of you have not received your newsletter or are not receiving my e-mail blasts (meetings, rock sales, etc.), *please* check your spam folder. If you are still not receiving them, please contact me, and let's make sure I have your correct e-mail address.

Our Board would like our members to come up with suggestions for programs to be presented at our monthly meetings. What would you like to see? What would you like to learn? What would you like to know? Is there something you'd like to teach or present? You can help our club expand its educational repertoire. We'd love to hear from you all.

Contact any Board member or bring your written suggestions to a meeting.

Rock On!!!

Club Phone Number - 352.587.2714

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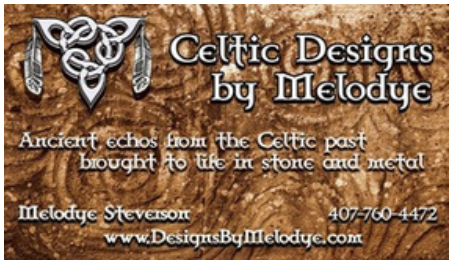
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PO Box 5634 Spring Hill, FL 34611-5634

Membership Form - 2026

Withlacoochee Rockhounds
Hernando County FL

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Full Name _____

Partner's Full Name
* If both applying for membership _____

Child's Full Name
* If under 18, and applying with parent _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State / ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Annual Membership Dues:

*Choose your type of membership

- ☐ Individual Membership $35.00/ea
- ☐ Individual Membership $35.00/ea
- ☐ Under 18 Membership $5.00/ea
- ☐ Under 18 Membership $5.00/ea

- ☐ Returning Member?
- ☐ New Member?

If you are applying, for example, as husband, wife and child (under 18), then fill in full name, partner's name and child's name above. Then, choose two individual memberships to the left, along with an under 18 membership.

Give this completed form, along with your check (made payable to "Withlacoochee Rockhounds") or credit card for dues to Club Secretary Janet Wheeler at a club meeting. Or, you may mail the form to:

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